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TRANSMITTAL

Enclosed are the following papers for the above-referenced patent application:

1. Transmittal;
2. Response to Restriction Requirement dated July 1, 2003; and
3. Postcard Acknowledgment.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 1, 2003, Applicants offer the following amendments and remarks:

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ELECTION

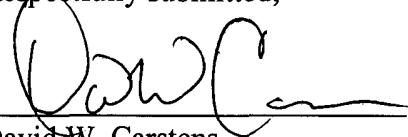
The Examiner issued an election requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring the Applicant to elect a single, disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants respectfully traverse this election requirement as improper, but provisionally elect Claims 1-14, and 27-30 in order to advance the prosecution of this case.

CONCLUSION

A first Office Action on the merit is now respectfully awaited. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact David W. Carstens at 972.367.2001.

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